**Concessions on imports from under developed countries**

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal for allowing concession on import from 50 under developed countries of the world;

(b) if so, the names of these countries with amount of import from and export to these countries in 2004-05, 2005-06; and

(c) whether Government has estimated the revenue losses from implementation of the said proposal; if so, average annual loss thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The Prime Minister announced a Duty Free Tariff Preference (DFTP) Scheme for Least Developed Countries (LDCs) on the occasion of the India Africa Forum Summit on 8 April, 2008 in New Delhi. Under the Scheme India shall unilaterally provide preferential market access on 94% of its tariff lines for exports from all the LDCs.

(b) The names of the preference receiving countries and their imports from and exports to India is enclosed as a statement (*see* below).

(c) The revenue loss from the Scheme can only be assessed after its implementation given the supply side constraints of the beneficiary LDCs; the growth rate in imports and its casual link with the Scheme. However, based on a normal import growth rate of 10% from LDCs not covered under any other tariff preferences, and an import growth rate of 30% after the implementation of the scheme, it is estimated that there are no revenue losses from the implementation of the DFTP Scheme for LDCs.

***Statement***

*Names of preference receiving countries and their imports from and export to India*

| LDCs | 2004-05 | | 2005-06 | | 2006-07 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (In $ million) | Export | Import | Export | Import | Export | Import |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Afghanistan | 165.4 | 47.0 | 142.7 | 58.4 | 181.6 | 34.5 |
| Angola | 72.9 | 0.9 | 151.7 | 3.3 | 200.2 | 245.3 |
| Bangladesh | 1631.1 | 59.4 | 1664.4 | 127.0 | 1627.3 | 228.1 |
| Benin | 47.1 | 79.8 | 96.6 | 77.5 | 151.4 | 80.6 |
| Bhutan | 84.6 | 71.0 | 99.2 | 88.8 | 58.6 | 141.3 |
| Burkina Faso | 21.1 | 8.4 | 19.9 | 2.7 | 14.8 | 5.6 |
| Burundi | 7.2 | 0.4 | 10.7 | 0.0 | 7.9 | 0.0 |
| Cambodia | 18.1 | 0.2 | 24.2 | 0.8 | 51.6 | 1.6 |
| Central African Republic | 0.9 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 2.3 | 0.4 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chad | 3.5 | 1.6 | 4.2 | 0.1 | 28.1 | 0.2 |
| Comoros | 2.4 | 0.2 | 5.1 | 3.9 | 15.5 | 6.9 |
| Djibouti | 128.6 | 3.1 | 230.4 | 3.4 | 307.4 | 2.1 |
| DR of Congo | 2.8 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 14.2 | 1.2 | 17.0 |
| East Timor | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 3.8 | 0.7 | 6.4 | 0.1 | 4.8 | 0.1 |
| Eritrea | NA | NA | 8.2 | 1.0 | 6.6 | 0.3 |
| Ethopia | 55.5 | 10.3 | 74.7 | 8.5 | 114.5 | 11.3 |
| Gambia | 14.9 | 11.5 | 16.8 | 12.9 | 27.5 | 17.9 |
| Guinea | 51.3 | 27.6 | 52.3 | 22.3 | 80.0 | 342.0 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 0.9 | 70.9 | 0.7 | 96.1 | 0.7 | 49.7 |
| Haiti | 10.2 | 1.0 | 16.3 | 0.3 | 21.6 | 1.1 |
| Kiribati | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 3.4 | 0.0 |
| Lao PDR | 2.7 | 0.1 | 5.5 | 0.1 | 2.4 | 0.4 |
| Lesotho | 18.4 | 0.0 | 12.8 | 0.0 | 5.4 | 0.0 |
| Liberia | 18.3 | 45.0 | 21.2 | 126.7 | 24.1 | 47.1 |
| Madagascar | 36.1 | 8.0 | 42.7 | 16.4 | 44.8 | 19.2 |
| Malawi | 58.3 | 5.1 | 43.6 | 1.8 | 42.6 | 5.0 |
| Maldives | 47.6 | 0.6 | 67.6 | 2.0 | 68.6 | 3.1 |
| Mali | 21.7 | 13.1 | 27.9 | 2.6 | 63.6 | 2.8 |
| Mauritania | 24.7 | 1.3 | 45.1 | 1.0 | 21.7 | 0.6 |
| Mozambique | 81.3 | 41.6 | 127.5 | 50.6 | 190.9 | 28.3 |
| Myanmar | 113.2 | 405.9 | 110.7 | 526.0 | 139.1 | 777.2 |
| Nepal | 743.5 | 345.8 | 860.0 | 379.9 | 930.7 | 305.4 |
| Niger | 40.3 | 0.7 | 22.3 | 0.8 | 14.1 | 5.4 |
| Rwanda | 8.4 | 0.7 | 10.6 | 0.0 | 13.7 | 1.6 |
| Samoa | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1.1 |
| Sao Tome & Principe | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Senegal | 69.2 | 181.2 | 93.5 | 292.6 | 152.1 | 72.7 |
| Sierra Leone | 13.1 | 2.3 | 18.5 | 3.6 | 20.5 | 2.3 |
| Solomon Islands | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 2.8 | 0.3 | 2.0 |
| Somalia | 47.1 | 7.5 | 39.7 | 11.6 | 86.0 | 18.1 |
| Sudan | 317.5 | 22.9 | 294.7 | 32.7 | 402.8 | 89.1 |
| Tanzania | 173.9 | 131.7 | 243.5 | 119.8 | 288.4 | 98.0 |
| Togo | 263.4 | 46.0 | 91.1 | 79.3 | 121.8 | 75.9 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tuvalu | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Uganda | 76.0 | 6.6 | 92.7 | 2.8 | 107.1 | 4.7 |
| Vanuatu | 1.7 | 0.2 | 1.8 | 48.1 | 2.2 | 9.2 |
| Yemen | 246.4 | 30.8 | 278.8 | 10.0 | 1185.0 | 2009.3 |
| Zambia | 50.4 | 23.0 | 66.5 | 40.6 | 108.1 | 86.2 |

Source: DGCIS data

**Recommendations of ARC on SEZs**

3885. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) has favoured sweeping changes in the policy regarding the setting up of SEZs in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government on the basis of recommendations of ARC propose to take further action in this regard; and.

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (d) Certain suggestions which *inter alia* include the need for impetus to land reform; speedy implementation of national policy on rehabilitation; avoidance of prime agriculture land for SEZs; locations of SEZ in backward areas; encouragement to SEZs promoted by farmers; restriction on land for non-processing areas in SEZs; fiscal incentives to SEZs etc. have been made by the Second Administrative Reforms Commission; in its Seventh Report on 'Capacity Building for Conflict Resolution'. These are currently under examination.

**CAG findings in functioning of SEZs**

3886. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether CAG has recently found several flaws in the functioning of SEZs of the country as reported in the media;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether on the basis of CAG recommendations, the Union Government proposes to take any corrective steps and to remove various flaws in the functioning of the SEZs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The Report of the